DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT.

Reviews the Season and Crop Report of the Mysore State for 1926-27.

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Correspondence ending with letter No. C. Per A 24—27-28, dated 9th July 1928, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, forwarding the Season and Crop Report for the State, for the year 1926-27 with his review thereon on the several Tables of the Report.

2. Letter No. Roc. 2247—Hc. 1140 of 27-28, dated 5th June 1928, from the Director of Agriculture in Mysore, communicating his views on the Season and Crop Report for the year 1926-27.

ORDER No. D. 669-728—STCS. 33-27-7, DATED 20TH JULY 1928.

Recorded with the observation that there has been an undue delay in the submission of the Report.

The average rainfall in the State during the year under review was 35·69 inches as against 33·99 inches in the previous year. The Mungar rains were timely and well distributed, except in the Kolar and Tumkur Districts where the rainfall was scanty.

The area of the State according to revised figures is 18,897,978 acres as against 18,897,803 as given in the previous year. Deducting, 1,324,126 acres being the area of alienated tracts such as Jahagirs, etc., for which no statistics are available, the balance of 17,753,852 acres represents the net area of Government land in the State. The increase of 175 acres is mainly due to the adoption of the altered figures from the accounts of the Resurvey and Settlement in certain taluks of the Bangalore and Hassan Districts and to corrections in the total area in the akarbands of Goru Village, Chitaldrug Taluk.

A noteworthy feature of the year is the increase of the area under occupancy, and also of the area irrigated by several sources of Irrigation.

The total area cropped was 67,80,248 acres against 67,20,049 acres in the previous year, the increase being shared by almost all the important crops, chiefly ragi, cholum, maize, Bengal gram, pulses, oil seeds such as linseed, mustard and rape, cocoanut, castor, sugar-cane and cotton, etc.

The incidence of land revenue per head of population was Rs. 2-4-2 as against Rs. 2-3-7 during the previous year.

During the year under review, cocoanut, coffee, paddy, rice (not in husk) ragi, wheat, wheat flour, castor, groundnuts, cardamom, coriander, unrefined sugar, jaggery, and molasses were exported in larger quantities than in the previous year. There was a fall in the exports of raw cotton, turmeric, fresh fruits and vegetables. The most important articles imported in appreciable quantities were raw cotton, tanning bark, fresh fruits and vegetables, copra, coffee, grains, pulses, wheat, cotton seeds, coriander, tobacco and refined sugar.

It is observed that statistics received from the districts under certain heads were obviously incorrect. Government would again emphasise that to serve any really useful purpose, it is essential that statistics should be as accurate as practicable and that obvious errors at least should be detected and rectified by the exercise of proper scrutiny at the time of compilation in the District Offices.

The Revenue Commissioner is requested to take steps to ensure the punctual submission of the Season and Crop Report in future.

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